



MINUTES
MANSFIELD PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 28, 2023 7:00 PM

Present: Andrew Cunningham
Mandy Little
Emerson Pendleton
Gavin Longmuir
John Willmetts – Director of Public Works
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR

Moved by Little and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Emerson Pendleton be appointed Chair of the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee for the year 2023.

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

4. PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

Moved by Little and Seconded by Pendleton

THAT the minutes of September 26, 2022 be approved.

CARRIED.

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE

6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1 2023 Parks Budget

Staff provided an update on items included in the approved 2023 budget noting the repair of the lime shed, batters boxes, and advancement of the Township's grant for installation of a warning track.

The Committee requested 6 bags of ready mound be available at the diamond for the start of the season.

Discussion ensued of the Township pickleball grant, equipment usage, and pickleball lines at the Thomson Trail Park.

6.2 Parks Maintenance Report

John Willmetts, Director of Public Works provided a verbal update on spring maintenance including infield edged of the baseball diamond, repairs to fencing, repairing leaks at the equipment shed, walking path maintenance and tree removal.

Direction was given to John Willmetts to coordinate a date for volunteers to assist with the repair of the batters boxes.

6.3 Mansfield Community Park

2023 User Fee Recommendations

Members discussed protocols for cancellations, expressing a desire to utilize the same procedures as the NDCC and minor hockey. User groups are satisfied with the current rental rates, but expressed the need for more facilities and greater diamond time as minor ball currently has to utilize outside diamonds for rentals.

Direction given to the Treasurer to look at the feasibility of a minimal increases to advertising signage rates.

Fall 2023 Community Baseball Tournament

Members supported the organization of a fundraising baseball tournament in fall 2023.

Other

Members discussed the feasibility and impact of installing lighting at the baseball diamond and the opportunities available for parkland for the new subdivisions. As an alternative to lighting, members discussed the installation of a second baseball diamond, as well as the inclusion of a soccer pitch, and multipurpose pads.

Moved by Little and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the Mansfield Parks Committee request that Council consult with the Mansfield community and the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee with respect to the development of parkland in the proposed Mansfield subdivisions.

CARRIED.

6.4 Thomson Trail Park

Community Ice Rink

Members discussed supplying additional materials and use of the bunker, expressing a desire to recognize the rink volunteers. Members discussed recognition initiatives including providing additional materials required to ease the burden of maintenance, an acknowledgement plaque and recognition at the grand opening of the playground.

Members were advised that the Thomson Trail Ice Rink is the only outdoor rink, not only in Mulmur, but in the great surrounding area.

Direction was given to include volunteer recognition as a topic for discussion at the next meeting.

Playground Grand Opening Event

Members discussed organization of a grand opening event at Thomson Trail for the new playground. A tentative date was set for May 6th with May 13th as a backup rain date.

Members discussed organization of a community BBQ (\$2 hotdogs), cake, water and pop with a portable speaker for music.

Members discussion inviting the Rosemont Firefighters and having a fire truck on site. Direction was given to Andrew Cunningham to speak with Chief Blacklaws and the Rosemont Firefighters Association.

Other

Members discussed the storage of pickleball supplies at the bunker or a construction box at Thomson Trail.

Moved by Little and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee respectfully request Council consider placement of the Township's pickleball materials and painting of lines at the Thomson Trail Park.

CARRIED.

6.5 Maes Cres Park

Future Improvements

Members discussed tree maintenance and control, fence repair and the location of a soccer pitch.

6.6 2023 Committee Goals and Objectives

Members discussed the follow goals and initiatives:

- Spreading the word, getting the community more involved.
- Centralized booking system that everyone could see online and book online.
- Promotion of Mansfield Minor Ball in the Township's communications channels.
- Installation of electricity at the Honeywood diamond to provide greater diamond time for Mansfield Minor Ball.

Moved by Little and Seconded by Pendleton

WHEREAS the Mansfield Minor Ball is currently going outside of Mulmur to utilize diamonds that have access to power for use of pitching machines;

NOW THEREFORE the Mansfield Parks Committee respectfully request that Council reconsider providing hydro access to the Honeywood Baseball diamond for use of Mulmur user groups specifically Minor Ball.

CARRIED.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Mandate

7.2 Mansfield Parks Maps

7.3 Council's Procedural By-law

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

8.1 2023 Baseball Tournament

8.2 Thomson Trail Park Grand Opening

8.3 Ice Rink Volunteer Recognition

8.4 Pickleball

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the Committee adjourns the meeting at 8:44 p.m. to meet again March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.